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SUBJECT: CASHEW CROP

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1. REPORTS OF DETERIORATION OF MOZAMBIQUE'S CASHEW CROP ARE ACCURATE. WHILE CROP ITSELF WAS NOT BAD, SYSTEM OF COLLECTION COLLAPSED, WHICH REDUCED THE EXPORTABLE PRODUCTION. THE GPRM MOBILIZATION CAMPAIGN (REF B) WAS VIRTUALLY A COMPLETE FAILURE.

2. COMMERCIALIZED CROP THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE ESTIMATES, IS 65,000 METRIC TONS (COMPARED TO 95,000 LAST YEAR AND A PEAK OF 185,000 TONS IN 1973). ALTHOUGH THE 65,000 FIGURE IS PRELIMINARY, INDUSTRY SOURCES SAY THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD FINAL FIGURE WILL EXCEED 75,000 TONS.

3. DIFFICULTY FOR MOZAMBIQUE IS COMPOUNDED BECAUSE OF FALLING RPICES FOR CASHEWS, ESPECIALLY BROKEN KERNELS. DUE TO POOR PROCESSING MACHINERY, MOZAMBIQUE DECORTIFICATION FACTORIES PRODUCE ABNORMALLY HIGH NUMBER OF BROKEN CASHEWS. LOCAL BANK REPORTS CURRENT PRICE FOR WHOLES HAS FALLEN FROM DOLLARS 2.42 PER KILO TO DOLS. 1.85 SINCE LAST YEAR, AND DURING THE SAME PERIOD BROKENS DROPPED FROM DOLS. 1.40 TO 85 CENTS.

4. DURING COLONIAL TIMES, INDIAN SHOPKEEPERS BOUGHT THE CASHEWS OR
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BARTERED CLOTH, PEANUT MEAL AND OTHER NECESSITIES FOR THEM. THE SHOPKEEPERS OR MERCHANTS TRUCKED THE NUTS TO SHELLING PLANTS. MANY OF THESE SHOPS HAVE CLOSED; THOSE REMAINING OPEN HAVE FEW GOODS TO BARTER OR SELL FOR CASH. BECAUSE OF PEANUT SCARCITY, MANY PRODUCERS ARE KEEPING CASHEWS FOR FAMILY CONSUMPTION.

5. PLEASE NOTIFY EMBASSY OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED IM-

MEDIATELY. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF FURTHER
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